# Sheffield TIMES

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This "cluster" of the antiques shops, along Rte 7 north of town, is typical in Sheffield. Susan Silver, Good & Hutchinson, Saturday Sweets and Bradford's Auction Gallary are visible here, with May's and Sikora's just out of the picture on both sides.

## SHEFFIELD: ANTIQUES CAPITAL OF THE BERKSHIRES

The Route 7 gateway to Massachusetts that meanders north from Connecticut brings the antiques lover to what is surely the Antiques Capital of the Berkshires. With at least 33 antiques dealers, Sheffield boasts a vast variety of high quality items from all over the world—the largest of any town in the Berkshires. Most of its dealers are members of the Antiques and Art Dealers Association, which asks that at least 50 percent of its members' merchandise be genuine antiques.

What is a genuine antique? According to David Steindler, past president of the Association and owner of Dovetail Antiques, it's any item in the style that was current at the time that it was made. Thus, a 17th century-style chest that was made in the 17th century or a 1930s radio that was made in the 1930s would both be considered antiques. (For import duty, U.S. Customs law requires antiques to be 100 years old at the day of purchase.) A reproduction is new, but made to look as if it is old and of a particular period, and it's sold as such. A fake is knowingly made to deceive the buyer into believing that it is older

than it actually is.

Steindler and his wife, Judith, who have been in business since 1975, specialize in 18th and 19th century American clocks. Steindler insists that there are "no antique dealers in Sheffield; not one person I know is over 100 years old." They are all "antiques dealers."

The dovenne of *antiques* dealers in Sheffield is surely Lois W. Spring, who began selling antique English and American silver in her home on Ashley Falls Road in 1962 and whose business is the oldest continuously operating antiques dealership in the town. Spring, who cheerfully admits to being 90 years old, used to treat her entire house as her store, but currently limits her customers to part of her downstairs and is open by appointment only. She is one of the original founders of the Association and the only one still selling antiques. Now she sells 18th and 19th century American high-country furniture and accessories. One big change in the antiques business over the years, Spring notes, are the prices. She regrets that they are much, much

higher today.

What makes the Sheffield antiques stores unusual and interesting to both the casual browser and the serious connoisseur are their huge sampling of objects, from the \$10 1890s postcard to the \$100,000 highboy. The dealers in town all know and respect each other and don't hesitate to recommend customers to one another if something particular is being sought.

Most dealers specialize in American antiques, but some offer English, Continental, and even Oriental items. Cupboards and Roses on Route 7, features 18th and 19th century paint-decorated furniture, such as armoires and hope chests. Edith Gilson, the owner, has one of the largest and most extensive collections of painted furniture in the country,

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# from the EDITORS

### LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL

Summer is here with all the hustle and bustle of high season in the Berkshires. The *Sheffield Times* is coming up on its one year anniversary. Planning for the Second Annual Sheffield in Celebration week is in full swing.

# 2nd Annual Sheffield in Celebration Wants YOU!

The Sheffield Fair is looking for local cottage industries and organizations to exhibit and sell at the Fair on September 7, as well as for individuals interested in volunteering or being part of the Chili Cook-off and Pie Contests. Contact Jo Grossman, 229-2476. Exhibitors, vendors and volunteers for the Ashley Falls Fair on September 14 should contact Bruce Howden, 229-8481.

Artists interested in painting Sheffield farms and the "Celebrating Sheffield Farms" Art Show should contact Bill Connell at 229-9977.

For general information about the Celebration week contact Kathy Orlando at 229-8789 or Sharon Gregory at 229-2717.

Look for more on the Celebration in the next issue and in local papers!
--Kathy Orlando & Andrea Scott, Editors

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# Ode to Marcia Brolli A very bad sonnet

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Wearing knee-high go-go boots, You taught to spell with Latin roots.

A teacher teach as long as ye: thee: you.

You cleared up Hemingway mystique, You taught us all how to critique.

Your contributions truly count,
For help restoring Wharton's Mount.

<u>Thank you</u>, Marcia. Take a look. I've dedicated you <u>a book</u>.

I'm grateful you were never fired, I can't believe that you've <u>retired</u>.

Enjoy every moment of the rest of your life.

— Feg (O'Connox) Burt

The book is "The Evolution of Merucia," available through <a href="www.burtsbooks.com">www.burtsbooks.com</a>). Mrs. Brolli taught English at Mt. Everett and was very active in providing students with the opportunity to expand their horizons.

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and she travels to Europe three to four times a year to seek out exceptional pieces.

Gilson is the current president of the Association. Her store, along with Susan Silver Antiques, Kuttner Antiques, and several other local dealers will be featured in a future issue of "Architectural Digest" highlighting Berkshire antiques from an interior designer's point of view.

The best bargains in antiques can sometimes be found at auctions. Bradford Galleries holds an auction once a month. Robert Emberlin, the owner, is also the auctioneer, and, if needed, the furniture mover and cleaning man. Emberlin buys from private homes and estates primarily in and around the Berkshires, Connecticut and New Jersey and prides himself in treating both the seller and the buyer fairly. Things to be auctioned can be viewed at the Galleries three days before the auction, and flea market items are always for sale in the rear of the store. Emberlin doesn't limit himself to one period or one style and tries to

present his customers with new discoveries of old treasures. One recent antique sold at the auction was a tea table attributed to the Chapin family, famed Connecticut cabinetmakers of the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Antiques buyers and collectors are drawn to Sheffield because of these varied and high-quality selections. Centuryhurst offers Wedgewood and fine old china. Corner House Antiques specializes in wicker for the porch and home interiors. The Red Hen has American art pottery, women artists and salvaged art. Twentieth-century decorative arts and Art Deco and French 40s objets d'art can be seen at Saturday Sweets Antiques and Design. North Main Street, with its many nooks and crannies, handles old toys, antiques, and collectible items of recent vintage from many different dealers. These and all the other antiques establishments, bring to Sheffield and Ashley Falls the singular distinction of being the premier antiques location of the Berkshires.

—Judith Schumer

Below is a sampling of the wealth of antiques shops you can find in Sheffield and Ashley Falls.

**Antiques Center of Sheffield** Bell Maison at Twin Fires Bradford Auction Galleries, Ltd. Centuryhurst Antiques Circa Cupboards & Roses Darr Antiques and Interiors **Dovetail Antiques Falcon Antiques** Good & Hutchinson & Associates, Inc. Tracy Goodnow Art and Antiques **Great Finds** Fred and Eve Hatfield Samuel Herrup Antiques Hill House Antiques Jeff Holmes Marty Keane--Classic Rod & Tackle, Inc. **Kuttner Antiques** Le Trianon Lewis and Wilson May's Antiques and Collectables North Main Street Ole TJ's Antiques Barn Painted Porch Antiques The Red Hen Saturday Sweets Antiques and Design Bruce A. Sikora, Antiquarian Susan Silver Antiques Lois W. Spring **Bob Thayer** Vintage Linens

### Master Plan: Where Are We?

The first steps in the Master Plan process – defining the general scope of topics to be covered and finding a consultant – have been completed and now the research, analysis and public input process can begin.

The goal is to complete the plan by next June, under the guidance of the Master Plan Steering Committee and the consulting team of Dufresne-Henry and Cartographic Associates

#### How can you get involved?

Join a Committee. Over the summer a number of things will be happening in preparation for the community input process in September or late August, including establishing the Master Plan Advisory Committee and subcommittees. The Advisory Committee will work with the consulting team to guide the

work of the subcommittees which will cover subsections of the Plan.

To ensure a well-rounded consideration of the issues, the committees should have a mix of individuals with differing points of view and with and without specific expertise on the topic.

The committee structure is still to be determined, but topics covered will include: Economic Development, Housing Conditions, Land Use, Natural and Cultural Resources, Open Space and Recreation, Public Facilities and Services, Transportation, Water Quality & Quantity.

If you are interested in joining a committee, or have already expressed an interest, please send a letter to the Master Plan Steering Committee, P.O. Box 325, Sheffield, MA 01257.

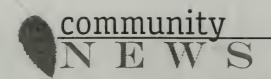
Fill out a survey and participate at community input events. Over the summer the consulting team will begin the research necessary to craft a community survey to find out how the community feels about a multitude of topics, including those listed above. There will also be opportunities over the next 12 months to attend public forums on specific topics and to review parts of the plan as they come together, as well as drafts of the whole plan.

Jeff Waingrow

David M. Weiss

Community participation in the planning process and providing comments and feedback on report drafts will be critical to ensure that the plan reflects the vision of the community.

Look for the survey and more details on how to get involved in the coming months.



### SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLED EFFECTIVE AND NOTEWORTHY

The Southern Berkshire Regional School District (SBRSD) has been designated as an effective and noteworthy school district according to a recent study of Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) results. And a new study by Dr. Robert D. Gaudet, Senior Research Analyst at the University of Massachusetts, shows that given SBRSD's demographics, the results are even more impressive.

Dr. Gaudet analyzed school district effectiveness by examining the relationship between community demographics (i.e. average education level, average income, poverty rate, single-parent status and percentage of school-age population enrolled in private schools) and school performance.

Using these demographic charac-

teristics to create a Community
Effects Factor, he grouped schools
into three types: advantaged, middle,
or challenged. SBRSD fell into the
"challenged" category. He then
modified the MCAS scores by this
factor to predict what an expected
score would be for each school.

SBRSD schools scored number three in Berkshire County in the 2001 MCAS tests. According to Dr. Gaudet's analysis, SBRSD outperformed expected MCAS scores in English language arts and mathematics in all grades tested. The findings demonstrate that these schools are very effective in teaching and learning. SBRSD also showed one of the highest rates in the state in moving students out of the failing category and moving other students into the proficient and advanced range,

### LOCAL PLAYWRITE TO BE PRODUCED

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demonstrating an effectiveness and ability to improve usually expected from "advanced" schools.

SBRSD has many reasons to be proud of its success achieved through a solid standards-based curriculum, innovative instructional methods, integrated project-based learning, and student assessment.

— Donna J. Leep, Assistant Principal Information: rgaudet@rcn.com





### STEINDLER RETIRES AS LIBRARY FRIENDS PRESIDENT

Founding member David Steindler has stepped down as president of The Friends of the Bushnell-Sage Memorial Library after eight years in that role, but will remain active as a director. At their June 8 meeting, the Friends elected Patrick Burns, also a founding member, to succeed Steindler as president. Also elected as officers were Peter Rowntree as Vice President, Pam Bloodworth as Treasurer, and Harry Conklin as Secretary. Bill Connell was elected to the Board of Directors.

The Friends were organized in 1994 by a group of citizens who loved the library and had a vision for its expansion. Sheffield had been awarded \$690,752 by the state as part of a \$2,200,000 renovation program involving the Town Hall, the police station and the library. Part of the grant provisions required the Town to raise money for furnishing and equipping the new library — a daunting task.

David Steindler stepped forward to lead the group as it established itself and conducted a capital campaign and two additional solicitations. Under David's presidency, the Friends have raised over \$200,000, including three major foundation grants and a charitable remain-

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der trust. Now that the library is furnished and equipped, the Friends' mission is to raise funds to enhance the library's facilities, programs and services.

David has been key in organizing the Friends' fundraisers, including four house tours for which he was the "sign man." He was out early on tour mornings to place all the route signs and retrieved them again that evening. He also liked counting the money at the end of the day.

David was instrumental in establishing the Giraffe Fund, the Friends' semi-endowment fund, creating a financial policy for making annual gifts from the Friends to the library and in developing a Prudential Committee to manage the Friends' funds. He also saw to it that there is a plaque in the entrance to the library noting those people who have been honored by gifts to the library in their names.

Besides establishing sound finances for the group, David promoted activities at the library for the enrichment of all. There have been lectures on bats, hawks, and condors, Sheffield history, retirement planning, coins, dirt roads, and flower arranging, along with numerous art shows. In conjunction with the Sheffield Historical Society, the library hosted a summer-long photography exhibit of Carrie Smith Lorraine's historical photos of Sheffield.

There have also been three Antiques Appraisal Nights, a film series during Black History Month, and basket-making classes. David has been instrumental in supporting the Children's Summer Reading Program by finding funding from Sheffield Plastics and the Berkshire Book Company for book prizes given each summer, and he has seen to it that the program included special events such as magic shows and professional storytellers, paid for with Friends' funds and awards from the Arts Lottery Council.

When long-time librarian John Campbell retired, David worked with others to install and dedicate a gazebo on the library's parkland to honor John's 28 years of service to the town.

The Friends are grateful to David for the long hours he has put into bringing our new library to fruition. Fortunately for the Friends and the other residents of Sheffield, David has agreed to remain on the Board of the Friends. We will all benefit from his counsel.

—Inex Flinn, Susan Young & Peter Rountree

The Friends of the Library support the work of the library and library trustees and meet at 9am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. All interested parties are invited to attend.

### Sheffield's Remarkable Greek Revival Houses

In the 1820s, Sheffield was a thriving community, with marble quarries, sawmills, cabinetmakers' shops and blacksmiths' forges—all the components needed for the building here of the new Greek Revival houses that were all the fashion. Sheffield and Ashley Falls have a rich heritage of Greek Revival houses, and many fine examples still exist. With their striking simplicity and classic proportions, they are architectural gems that deserve to be lovingly preserved.

Since September 11, many Americans have felt a renewed sense of patriotism. Similarly, in the early part of the 19th century, a newlyindependent United States felt a strong surge of nationalism which was soon expressed in a new type of architecture known as the Greek Revival style. The Greek War of Independence from the Turks had aroused enormous sympathy, and the democratic ideals of the ancient Greeks appealed mightily to independent Americans. The War of 1812 had lessened enthusiasm for the British-influenced and Georgian and Colonial styles. Greek Revival became so popular from 1820 and 1860 that it was known as the National Style.

The style was first seen in public buildings, notably in Philadelphia,

but was quickly reproduced in homes. The model was the ancient Greek temple. Unlike the grand antebellum mansions of the South, Greek Revival houses in Massachusetts were in the vernacular style; that is, local carpenters used their skill and ingenuity to adapt designs from pattern books.

### Recognizing the style

If you know what to look for, you can easily identify the hallmarks of this distinctive style.

Plan. The basic house plan is a rectangle. In most Greek Revival houses in Sheffield, the focus shifted from the long side of the house (as in Colonial houses) to the short gable end, facing the street. The roof line is framed by heavy wood moldings; additional moldings run horizontally to complete the triangle suggested by the gable in imitation of the pediments found on Greek temples.

They often have one or two ells or wings, usually of lesser height than the main rectangle. Some houses have freestanding columns (think antebellum mansions of the South) but more often in Sheffield, pilasters or square pillars appear at each corner of the house instead.

Color. In tune with the brilliant white of Greek temples, Greek

Revival houses were usually painted white with white trim. Dark green shutters are traditional.

Doorway. The front door is usually off-center and the entrance way may be recessed. The door is usually four paneled and may be framed by slender side windows (sidelights) with possibly a narrow window over the door (transom). Sometimes a portico frames the entry, or the door may be framed by pilasters and an entablature—the assemblage of parts supported by vertical columns and consisting of architrave, frieze and cornice. The staircase, unlike that in the center hall of the Colonial style, is set to the side.

Windows. There are usually five on the main part of the house, and are typically six over six sash windows. The wings of the house often have attic/frieze/eyebrow windows, and there is usually a window in the gable. Dormers are not typical.

Roofline. The roof is of medium pitch. Chimneys are usually small and de-emphasized.

Materials. Siding is usually clapboard. Matched flatboards, designed to resemble stone, are frequently found on the triangular pediment. Local materials were used in Sheffield, including pine, chestnut, oak, cedar, plus marble for the foundation and locally made bricks.

Interiors. Sheffield Greek Revival houses have clean interior lines with



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classic proportions. Staircases are elegantly simple. The Greek influence may be seen in molding over doorways and also in fireplaces. Typical Greek Revival furniture is in the style of Duncan Phyfe, Scottish-born cabinetmaker (1768-1854) whose furniture was in the Empire style, a refinement of Adam, Sheraton and Hepplewhite furniture which used classical neoclassic motifs such as reeded legs, lyres and acanthus leaves.

### A sampling of Sheffield examples

A stroll through Sheffield and Ashley Falls reveals outstanding examples of Greek Revival architecture. The Sheffield Historical Society keeps records of these historic local houses, and historian Jim Miller is a great resource in identification. Here are just a few examples:

Sheffield Town Hall, circa 1840, is a three-story Greek Revival building with a typical marble foundation. Particularly noteworthy are the eyebrow or frieze windows just below the roofline.

Old Parish Church, built in 1760, was moved around 1819-20 when it was turned around, the steeple added, and Greek Revival details incorporated.

The Theodore Sedgwick house, across the street is a remarkable example of temple-style Greek Revival architecture. It, too, was built earlier (1761-62) and modified to the Greek Revival style in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It has 11 square columns and wide cornices. It's owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ledlie.

A rare twin Greek Revival building is to be found at 116 Main Street, home of the store Bits and Pieces. The two sections of the building used to be separate. It is noteworthy for its front porch and impressive Corinthian columns—the building on the left previously had four columns.

The deconsecrated Methodist church at the corner of Main St and Berkshire School Rd., built in 1842, has the typical Greek Revival wide cornice moldings.

Further north on Route 7, the Sandra Preston Real Estate office, dating from 1829-1835, has fine corner

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View of the Greek Revival addition to the Theodore Sedgewick House on Route 7 in the center of Sheffield. It is white, typical of most Greek Revival houses, with square pillars along the length of the road side of the house. Often pillars would only appear at each corner of the house.

pilasters and an overlighted and sidelighted front door. Unlike many Greek Revival examples in Sheffield, the longer side of the building is lengthwise to the road, rather than the slimmer gable end.

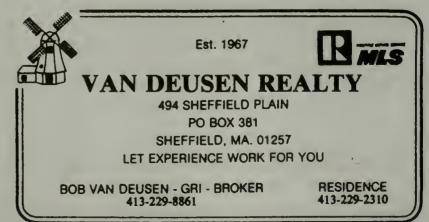
The Painted Porch, south of town on Route 7, was built in 1824-5, and is an example of the style in a two and a half story asymmetrical house.

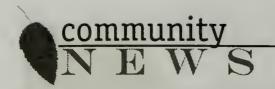
Rannapo Rd. yields several examples, including the Howden Farm, which has a recessed doorway and pilasters. The General John Ashley house is an example of a colonial house, built in 1762, that was later modified to incorporate Greek Revival details.

Ashley Falls, too, has many examples of this remarkable architecture, including the Trinity Methodist Church (built in 1844), and the charming home of Michael Citrin and Tracy Mack across the street which is a one and a half story example. Nearby is the Rathbun house with two side wings.

You can see other examples on Hewins Street, Maple Avenue, Silver Street, Ashley Falls Road, LeGeyt Road, Boardman Street and Undermountain Road.

--- Dr. Gillian Hettinger





## Old Parish News

### **Summer hours**

Services in June through August are Sunday morning at 10. Infant and toddler care is available during the service. There is no church school.

### **Sheffield Antiques Show**

The 54th Annual Sheffield Antiques Show is set for August 9 to 11 at the Mt. Everett Regional School on Berkshire School Rd. The show will again have a superb display of furniture, art, china, silver, jewelry, glass and other collectibles shown by more than 20 dealers from the northeast.

Used books, baked goods and other gourmet delights as well as lunch and refreshments will be available in the cafeteria during the days of the show.

The show is conducted by the

### Food Program

Every Monday morning volunteers from our community gather at Old Parish Church to distribute food to individuals and families who, for a variety of reasons, just can't "do it all." Food is donated from area churches and businesses (Big Y, Price Chopper, etc.) and bought from donated funds.

Sally Cook and Phyllis Joyce coordinate the program. If you, or someone you know, is in need of food assistance, call the church office (229-8173) or stop in on Mondays from 9:30-10:30am.

"Old Parish Church". Proceeds further the church's many programs including the weekly Sheffield Food Program, Kid's Club (mothers' morning out), overseas mission projects (a senior citizen program in India and construction of water wells in India and Senegal), and clown ministry. The church also participates in Heifer Project International and Church World Service and local community organizations.

Donation: \$5 at the door. Dealer inquiries: Sandra Alden (229-8163). Show information is available at the church (229-8173) or from Betsy Garcia (229-3675).

# Sheffield Chapel News

### **Summer Programs**

Vacation Bible School was June 24 to 28. There is no Sunday school in June, July and August. Service times are 8am and 9:30am.

### **Sportsmans Dinner**

The date for the dinner is set for September 7. For more information, contact Pastor Chet Howes, P.O.Box 308, Sheffield, MA, 413-528-0233 or send an email to <a href="mailto:sportsmansdinner@sheffieldchapel.org">sportsmansdinner@sheffieldchapel.org</a>

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### Hevreh news

### Viola concert

Hevreh of Southern Berkshire presents Mark Ludwig, noted violist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, for an evening of music and conversation on July 15 at 7:30pm at their 270 State Rd. location in Great Barrington. Ludwig, also the director of the Terzin Music Foundation, will present a program on the musical legacy that emerged from Theresian-stadt, the concentration camp used as a showcase by the Nazis.

Tickets are \$6 for Hevreh members and \$8 for non-members and can be purchased at the door. For information, call 413-528-6378.

### **Talmud Seminar Offered**

On July 24, Hevreh will host Dr. Michael Chernick, Deutsch Professor of Jewish Jurisprudence and Social Justice at Hebrew Union College, for a day-long seminar examining classical Jewish texts from the Talmud. The worlds of Jewish law and lore will both be included.

The morning session will examine how Jewish law grapples with modern day issues such as Biotech research, and the afternoon session will delve into the world of the Jewish literary imagination.

Rabbi Chernick received his ordination from Rabbi



Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University. He has taught rabbinical students for more than two decades at Hebrew Union College, and spent many summers teaching in the Judaic studies program he founded at Yahel and Lotan, two Reform kibbutzim in the Negev region in Israel.

Registration is required, as space is limited. Breakfast, lunch and materials are provided. \$15 for members, \$18 for non-members. Call 413-528-6378.

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Trinity Methodist (United Methodist)

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180 Main Street (413) 229-8811 Sunday: 8am & 10am Holy Eucharist; 10am Sunday School & childcare; Thursday: 10am Holy Eucharist & Healing. Rev. Susan H. Crampton

Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Rte 7 & Kellogg Road (413) 229-8649. The public is welcome.

Faith Baptist

640 North Main Street (413) 229-0400 Sunday: 10am Sunday School; 11am Worship Service; 6pm Bible Study; Thursday: 7pm Prayer Meeting. Rev. H. Shelton Cole

Old Parish (United Church of Christ)

125 Main Street (413) 229-8173 Sunday: 10am Worship. Rev. Art Kaufman, Pastor

Our Lady of the Valley (Catholic) Maple Avenue (413) 229-3028

Saturday: 5:30pm Mass; Sunday: Sheffield 7:30am, 9am Masses; Mill River 10:30 Mass. Rev. John S. Lis

Sheffield Chapel (non-denominational)

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270 State Road (413) 528-6378 Friday: 7:30pm Shabbat Service; Saturday: 10am Shabbat service & Torah study. Rabbi Deborah Zecher, As't Rabbi Andrew Klein

Trinity Lutheran

St. James 352 Main Street (413) 528-1330. Sunday: 9:30am Sunday Worship. Rev. George E. Mayer

Unitarian Universalist Meeting of South Berkshire St. James, 352 Main Street church (413) 528-4850; home (413) 528-3106. Sunday: 5pm. Rev. Kathy Duhon

# Town GOVERNMENT

### The Sheffield Police Department

Police Chief: full-time, paid
Current holder: James McGarry
Officers: Full-time paid positions:
Nicholas DeSantis, Sherry Johnson, Susan
Rathbun, Tim Ullrich, and Tony Ullrich
Part-time paid positions:
Luciae Garry, John Farring, Scott Farrell

Justice Carey, John Farina, Scott Farrell, Gary Mitchell, Michael Ovitt, Richard Robarge and Todd Tinker.

<u>Location:</u> Rte 7 & Berkshire School Rd. Hours: 24 hours/7 days a week

Police Chief James McGarry is a large man. His height is imposing, his voice can stop anyone in their tracks, and his demeanor can be stern, but despite the gun in its holster and the badge on his chest, when he grins his whole face lights up. Police officers are often thought of as strictly law enforcers, men and women who watch for infractions and nail you when you aren't behaving properly. "But," says McGarry, "your local police department is so much more than that. We're an all-purpose public service agency."

Indeed, when you look at all the



community-oriented efforts the Sheffield Police Department involves itself with, you'd think it ought to expand its title to "Your Local Crime Reduction, Comprehensive Emergency Management, Community Safety Implementation, Drug Education and Task Force, License Distribution, Fingerprinting, Disaster Warning, Emergency Response Department." It's a mouthful that defies acronyms. The radio in Chief McGarry's office suddenly crackles. There is a report of a disabled car on a side road in town. He lets the dispatcher, handle it.

A member of the police force for 35 years and chief for 31, McGarry sees his primary responsibility as helping to keep the town and its residents safe and secure. To this end, he and his officers work closely with the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the Fire Department, the local school, and the Highway Department.

In addition to such familiar law enforcement issues as ticketing speeding motorists, investigating crimes against people and property, and settling domestic disputes, Sheffield's police officers are trained in other public safety issues so that they can respond quickly and judiciously to events that require crisis intervention. McGarry himself is a member of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Team and part of

SHEFFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Running the D.A.R.E. program and camp, the Driver's Education Alcohol Awareness program and providing a School Resource Officer for the School District; Rape Awareness Defense courses; Car Seat Training and Seatbelt Compliance Pograms; a Ropes Course and the Bike Rodeo which, in conjunction with Kiwanis, teaches kids bike safety and provides free helmets.

an anti-terrorism team out of Boston. "Among other things, we identify severe weather and send out alerts, we create plans and procedures for evacuations and for the handling of hazardous materials. Ours is the number people call [with questions or emergencies] after 4pm when the town offices close," he says with a grin.

The more personalized attention can be, the better. "Our census may show approximately 3,500 residents," explains McGarry, "but second homeowners bring that count closer to 5,000. There are six fulltime officers altogether -- that makes a ratio of two officers per [less than] 1,000 residents."

The radio crackles. Somebody has sighted a bear on his property. McGarry nods toward the radio. "We hear all sorts of things. I tell my officers that just because we haven't done something today doesn't mean we won't do it tomorrow. Our priorities are set by input from the community," he says, pointing out that the station motto is "We can do that."

-Pauline Clarke

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# POLICING IN THE 19TH CENTURY

Hog Reeve, Field Driver and more...

<u>Positions</u>: part-time, not paid

<u>Last holders</u>: a long time ago

The year is 1784. Need a policeman? There are none.

Law enforcement during the 18<sup>th</sup> and most of the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries was very much a lay activity taken up by a host of part-time enforcers who covered everything from A to Y. (In the law book there were no entries under Z, problems of Youth being the final subject taken up.)

These lay officials were more like inspectors than the policemen of today. They simply reported violations to a constable, another part-time officer whose service stemmed largely from a sense of civic responsibility. Among Sheffield's earliest constables were Elisha Noble and Joseph Taylor who were elected at the first town meeting in 1733. They did everything from chasing fugitives to prosecuting "all breaches ... for the due observance of the Lord's day" that were reported to them by the tithingman.

The tithingman's job was to enforce religious observance, including church attendance. At that same first town meeting, Thomas Lee, Anthony Austin and Samuel Dewey were elected to serve in this office. John Pell, Jr., a local lawyer not above the law, was arrested in 1762 by a

tithingman and fined for traveling on the Sabbath, a violation of the proper observance of the Lord's Day.

The selectmen, for their part, looked after juvenile orphans and delinquent youths in their capacity as overseers of the poor. In one case in 1797, Hulda Palmer was apprenticed by the selectmen to John Fellows "to learn the art trade and Mystery of Home work" with the unusual conditions that she not engage in "Fornication[,] She Shall not commit nor Matrimony Contract ... Taverns, ale houses or places of gaming she shall not haunt or frequent ..."

Other officials of the time included fence viewers, referees who enforced the adage that "good fences make good neighbors." The law required abutters to mutually build and maintain four-foot fences of wood or stone and if anybody lapsed in his responsibility it was the duty of the fence viewers to see that the law was followed. When Luther and Oliver Ranny filed a complaint against their neighbor John Thorp for failing to keep his section of fence in good repair in 1821, fence viewers Titus Thorp and Lent Roys dictated the settlement: "Luther Ranny & Oliver Ranny Shall Build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence from the river westerly thirty four Rods to a Stake and the Said John T.

Thorp shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line ... within Six Days from the time you receive this notice."

Another officer, the field driver, was to "take up and impound any swine unyoked or unringed, horses unfettered, [and] sheep not under the care of a shepherd," and turn them over to the pound keeper and fine the delinquent owner according to a scale set up by law. Field drivers also determined damage, if any, done by the animals. Such a responsibility fell to drivers Ralph Little and Joseph Howe in 1833 when they were asked to "faithfully and impartially ... estimate upon oath the damage done to Abijah Curtiss of Sheffield ... by one hundred and sixty-one sheep the property of Silas Smith."

Sheffield's unfortunate swine, in addition to being subjected to the dictates of field drivers, suffered the additional indignity of policing by the hog reeves. The reeve's general duty was to enforce the act for regulating swine that required that "Any person who shall suffer [i.e., allow] his swine to go at large out of his enclosure, incurs a penalty of one shilling each, to be recovered with cost of suit by a hog reeve ..." Upson B. Chapin and Calvin Loomis faithfully performed the duty of hog reeves in 1827 when they were sworn to the office by Jared Canfield and Richard Brown, Justices of the Peace.

It was not until the era of the Civil War that night patrols were first known in Sheffield. In 1863, Charles Williams, R. K. Andrews, Lester Soles and Edward Dusenbury were paid \$1.37 per night for "Police duty" but the specific reason for this action is unknown. Could it have been related to some fear growing out of the Civil War, perhaps a surprise attack? Is there nothing new?



— Iim Miller

# village GREEN

# PLANNING BOARD Appointments Made

At its first regular meeting for the current year, the Sheffield Planning Board elected Wray Gunn Sr. as Chairman, Francis Nourse Jr. vice-chairman, and Fred Gordon as secretary/treasurer. It appointed new board member Rene Wood as delegate to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. (At the annual town meeting, Rene Wood was elected to a three-year term and John Downie to complete the unfinished term of Dominic Palumbo.)

Chairman Gunn wants the Board to review the present zoning by-laws in the next year and set as its first priority a more precise definition of how to determine the area of a sign than is now included in the "definitions" section of the by-laws.

-Wray Gunn

# Hazardous Waste & Computer Collections

Sheffield residents can dispose of toxic, poisonous, or flammable items on July 20 in Stockbridge, 9am to noon, at the transfer station, 1 West Stockbridge Rd. (Route 102 West), a mile west of downtown Stockbridge.

Used motor oil, turpentine, or oil paint or stain can be disposed of Wednesday, July 31, 4 to 7pm at the Great Barrington recycling center, 601 Stockbridge Rd. (Route 7), across from Monument Mountain High School or Wednesday, August 18, 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Lenox DPW, 275 Main St. (Route 7A), across from the Mass. Highway Dept.

The Center for Ecological Technology is also arranging collections of old computers for S. Berkshire businesses. Call Jamie Cahillane at the Center for Ecological Technology, 413-445-4556 for information or for the required pre-registration.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT LOG

John Ullrich, Chief

April 11 - Alarm - SBRSD

Alarm time: 2:00 PM, In service: 2:25 PM

April 15 - Alarm - Christ Church

Alarm time: 1:30 AM, In service: 1:50 AM April 16 – Grass fire

Alarm time: 1:45 PM, In service: 2:04 PM April 19 – Brush fire

Alarm time: 12:40 PM, In service: 1:18 PM April 24 – Brush fire

Alarm time: 4:42 PM, In service: 5:16 PM April 26 – Alarm – SBRSD

Alarm time: 8:45 PM, In service: 9:05 PM April 27 – Alarm – Bachetti's Auto

Alarm time: 2:47 AM, In service: 3:15 AM April 27 – Alarm – 84 Maple Street

Alarm time: 6:44 AM, In service: 6:55 AM
May 6 — Alarm — CO Detector alarm

Alarm time: 11:55 PM, In service: 12:17 AM

May 8 - Alarm - Sheffield Plastics
Alarm time: 7:30 AM, In service: 7:50 AM

May 15 – Alarm SBRSD

Alarm time: 8:56 AM, In service: 9:11 AM May 18 — Medical call

Alarm time: 11:35 AM, In service: 11:58 AM May 23 — Motor vehicle accident

Alarm time: 2:55 PM, In service: 6:45 PM May 24 — Alarm – Kolburne School

Alarm time: 10:25 AM, In service: 10:37 AM May 29 — Injured hiker, mutual aid for Egremont Fire Department

Alarm time: 2:05 PM, In service: 5:18 PM

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### ASHLEY FALLS VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY



Participant & spectator spirits were high at the Ashley Falls Memorial Day Parade.

### **Parade Thank You**

The Memorial Day Committee would like to thank every person that participated in the Parade and Ceremony—the marchers, the speakers and all in attendance. It was a special morning and it would not have been possible without each of them.

### Fair plans

The 4th Annual Ashley Falls Fair will be Saturday, September 14 (rain date, September 15), 10am-4pm.

The Kiwanis will again provide its popular cuisine. There will be crafters, artists, vendors of all kinds, the pets-in-costume parade, bicycle races, a guess-the-weight-of-the-pump-kin contest, a hula-hoop contest, pumpkin painting, balloons, clowns and, for the first time, a tractor parade. Inez Flinn returns to lead the well-received walking tours of the Village at 10:30am and 2pm. The J.D. Band will be back with their great music.

If you would like to be a vendor, call Sandy Alden, 228-8163. Prospective participants in the tractor parade, call Bruce Howden, 229-8481.

### **New officers**

Thanks and appreciation to Jeff Steele, outgoing president and to Susan Cobb Merchant, outgoing secretary. The incoming officers of the AFVIS are: Bruce Howden.

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

August 28 is the last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for the state primary. Registration on that day will be 9am to 8pm at Town Hall. The state primary is Sept 17.

### LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Library Book Sale, July12, 13 & 14. Lecture: Lyme Disease and Pets, July 18 at 7pm.

The Star Spangled Summer Reading Program meets Tuesday mornings at 9 from July 2 through August 13. Special programs include juggler Henry Lappen on July 2 and William K. Whiskers on August 13. For information, call 229-7004.

President; Dale Alden, Vice President; Pam Bloodworth, Treasurer; Joan Baldwin, Secretary. Board members are Susan Cobb Merchant, Joan Brooks, Natalie Funk, Priscilla Rueger and Sandy Alden.

### Tree-lighting date set

Mark your calendar! The Holiday
Tree Lighting will be Saturday,
December 7, at 5pm. —Holly Valente



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# MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED!

The Sheffield Senior Center needs more drivers. The current drivers have had to double the number of days that they drive. Drivers say how rewarding it is to have their visits looked forward to so eagerly—the driver may be the only person that they see all day. It takes a little over two hours, one day a week, and mileage is compensated. Anyone with a driver's license can be a driver. Call the Center at 229-7022.

### ADVERTISERS WELCOME!

The Sheffield Times accepts advertising at its discretion:

- •From Sheffield businesses & residents: want ads; for sale; services offered (i.e. landscaping, carpentry, electrical, forestry, typing, babysitting, sewing etc.); business ads, etc.
- •From outside of Sheffield: services, etc., that benefit Sheffield residents.
- •No editorial or political ads.

For more information or to place an ad, contact Rene Wood at 229-2875 or renecwood@aol.com.

September/October Issue Deadline: August 15.



## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Excerpts from Meeting Minutes** 

4/1 — At the suggestion of the Town of Wareham, the Selectmen decided to send a letter to the state government about the difficulties Sheffield is facing due to reductions in state revenues and Proposition 2 1/2.

A letter from Bob Beham of Gringras Lumber about logging Town property on Berkshire School Road was discussed. A complete liquidation of the timber might yield the Town between \$6,000 and \$10,000. Removing only suppressed or poorly formed trees might yield around \$1,500 and \$3,000 now but would permit the remaining trees time to develop further. The Selectmen decided to take this under advisement.

The question of imposing a roomoccupancy excise tax to help replace Televised Board of Selectmen's meetings can also be seen Sundays at 11:30am on CTSB Chanel 11. Not all meetings are televised.

reductions in revenues from the State was discussed. It is believed that Sheffield is the only town in Berkshire County that does not charge a room tax. The Board voted unanimously to put this issue on the Warrant for the May Town Meeting.

The Board approved a request from Mass Wildlife to put binocular signs in several roadside locations in Sheffield and a proposed poster celebrating Earth Day for distribution around town.

Town Administrator Bob Weitz reported on a conversation with Mass Highway on signs for crosswalks. The signs (stating motorists should yield to pedestrians or face a \$100 fine) would not be allowed in the street but at the side. Separately, he mentioned that a survey of senior citizens indicated that their incomes are such that Sheffield is eligible to apply for a Senior Center Grant.

4/22 — The Selectmen approved the Great Barrington Lions Club request for permission to hold its

annual Journey for Sight collection on April 27 and accepted the resignation of Nancy Dellert from the Ashley Falls Historic District Commission with thanks for her service.

The Selectmen unanimously approved the Warrant for the May Town Meeting.

Barrington Stage Company's request for a one-day liquor license for June 28 was approved.

The Selectmen approved naming the road between Home Road and Brush Hill Road Woodbeck Ridge Road. They also approved two proposed street-curb cut permits and a new three-year agreement with Great Barrington for police and fire dispatching.

Chief McGarry discussed the request for pedestrian crosswalk signs on Rt. 7. One problem is that motorists might not have time to stop. This concern might be addressed by installing flashing lights. A letter will be sent to Mass Highway

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# Ashley Falls Fair on the Green September 14 - 10am to 4pm

Rain date Sept 15

- Arts Crafts Cottage Industries 50/50 Raffle
- Guess the Weight of Pumpkin Tractor Parade
- Pie Sale JD Band -- Music and Dancing 12 to 4
- Walking Tour -- 11am and 2 pm Children's events
- Food -- All Day provided by Kiwanis Sponsored by

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regarding this proposal.

5/20 — Janet Stanton and David Macy were appointed as Chairperson and Clerk, respectively, of the Board and various Town Officials and Board Members whose terms have expired were reappointed to their positions.

The Board approved the Ashley Falls Village Improvement Society's application for a Memorial Day parade.

Concerns regarding a letter from TEC Associates to the Conservation Commission were discussed. It is believed by some that in the past subcontractors for TEC had sprayed herbicide in areas along the railroad right of way that were not supposed to be sprayed.

The Board approved the extension of an agreement with Center for Ecological Technology for handling household hazardous wastes.

Catherine Miller of the Sheffield Historical Society requested permission to move the two handicapped parking spaces behind the Stone Store. The Board approved their move to the Town Hall parking lot. It also approved three street- curb cut permit requests and a request for permission to sell poppies on May 30.

Tom Young was present to discuss the options concerning the new Senior Center to be built with the help of a grant. A quote is being obtained for a proposed modular structure. It was thought that there is a need to move quickly because of the grant deadline and the expiration of the lease of the existing space from the Friendly Union. A study committee consisting of Tom Young, Rae Eastman, Bill Bennett, Bill Silk and Dick Kirchner was appointed.

5/30 — The Board voted to have Marin Environmental proceed with a Phase I Initial Site Investigation and Tier Classification for the Highway Garage to address the one-year deadline of the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

---Peter Rountree

### TOWN MEETING & ELECTION RESULTS

### **Town Meeting Rejects Lodging Tax**

The only controversial item on the Warrant for the Town Meeting held on May 6 turned out to be the Selectmen's proposal for a 4% tax on nightly room occupancy at bed and breakfasts, inns, hotels and motels. After an extended and occasionally passionate discussion, it was defeated by 84 to 75 votes.

The tax would have been payable on top of the 5.9% lodging tax now collected (and retained) by the state. It was intended to raise extra revenue (estimated at between \$10-15,000 a year), given the cutbacks in state aid, to reduce reliance on property taxes.

In a handout at the meeting, the Selectmen noted that 11 of the 14 municipalities in the County that have lodging houses which generate or could generate more than \$4,000 a year from the tax, have adopted the levy. In Connecticut and New York the rates are 12% and 10%, respectively.

Opponents argued that the tax was unfair, discriminatory and, given the apparently sound financial condition of Sheffield, unnecessary. Also, they suggested that the levy would make it more difficult for Sheffield's lodging businesses to compete with others in neighboring towns and might adversely impact Sheffield's revenues from tourism generally.

### **Budget approved**

In other business, the voters approved a total Town operating budget of \$5,700,000. Just over \$3,900,000 is to cover Sheffield's share of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District's operating budget, and the balance is for town services. The total represents an increase of about \$280,000 from the last fiscal year of which approximately \$200,000 is for the school district.

With the adoption of the budget, it is estimated that the town's tax

rate for the fiscal year ending June 2003 with increase by 2.7% or 35 cents per \$1,000 of assessed land value (up from \$13 per \$1,000). Over 80% of the Town's property tax revenues go to cover educational expenses.

About 8% of Sheffield's 2,109 registered voters participated in the annual meeting.

### Kirchner re-elected

In the only contested race in the Town election held on May 13, Selectman Richard J. Kirchner was reelected by a margin of 304 to 168 for the challenger, Richard J. Campeglio. Kirchner has served on the Board of Selectmen for over 30 years. He is also sanitation inspector and Chairman of the Board of Health.

Julie Hannum was re-elected as library trustee and Bruce Person as the Town Moderator. John Downie and Rene Wood were elected to the Planning Board, Downie to a one year term and Wood to a three-year term. About 23% of Sheffield's registered voters voted.

—Peter Rowntree



# organizations & BUSINESSES

### SHEFFIELD'S OWN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

They come from as far away as Japan and as close by as Great Barrington and Sheffield. They come from nearly all 50 states and more than 20 countries. This summer 1,100 of them will come to Sheffield. Who are they? They are the choristers of the Berkshire Choral Festival (BCF).

Begun 21 years ago, BCF is the brainchild of Sheffield resident and businessman John Hoyt Stookey. John, an amateur singer himself, thought it might be great fun to spend an intensive study week at "choral camp" and he was right. Some 6,000 alumni later, BCF now offers five such singing weeks in Sheffield and one-week opportunities in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Canterbury, England, and Salzburg, Austria. Each week features a different preeminent conductor, different repertoire, and a different set of 200 or so choristers.

In Sheffield, choristers arrive on Sunday afternoon and meet as a chorus for the first time on Monday



Berkshire Choral Festival Chorus performing on the campus of Berkshire School

morning. They attend daily classes taught by professional music faculty and spend afternoons exploring the Berkshires. Evenings find them again in rehearsal. Each week culminates in a Saturday night performance, accompanied by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and professional soloists. On Sunday morning they depart and the next 225 arrive.

BCF is proud of its community involvement and partnerships in the Berkshires. Since the beginning, BCF has partnered with Berkshire School and has made its home on this beautiful campus. The Sheffield Kiwanis have also been community

partners since the beginning with proceeds from their concession and parking services contributing significantly to their annual scholarship fund. BCF choristers participate in collaborations with the Hancock Shaker Village and Arrowhead, augmenting the experiences of visitors by singing Shaker music and sea chanties in those historical sites. You may have enjoyed hearing BCF choristers sing an anthem on a summer Sunday morning in your local church. BCF has become part of the fabric of Sheffield.

--- Trudy Weaver Miller Executive Director, Berkshire Choral Festival

# Resource for ponds and lakes

Sheffield residents who need advice in taking care of a pond or lake can contact the Lakes and Ponds Association of Western Massachusetts (LAPA-West), a nonprofit organization made up of associations, organizations and individuals interested in the preservation of local lakes and ponds, including Sheffield's Three Mile Pond.

Its primary goal is to develop an active and effective network of volunteer stewards interested in improving the water quality of our local lakes and ponds, to enhance not only the environmental but also the aesthetic, recreational, and economic value of these water resources, and to promote watershed management in the region.

As more people use the lakes and ponds and develop the surrounding watersheds, the potential for pollution problems and use impairment in-

creases. Exotic and excessive weed growth, algae blooms and mucky bottom sediments affect almost all of our recreational water bodies. Eutrophication (lake aging) is often accelerated. Associations need a way to share research and work cooperatively to address these problems and improve water quality.

Water quality monitoring is a good place to start. Member associations are assessing the health of their lakes and ponds and investigating their individual problems to develop a comprehensive watershed management strategy. LAPA-West provides equipment, onsite training, workshops, and Department of Environmental Protection-approved sampling procedures free to member associations. Each member is guided through their process and are eligible

for state funding in abatement efforts.

LAPA-West provides educational initiatives and resources to member organizations and interested individuals, through workshops, news-letters, e-mail updates, a website and an Annual Symposium. It interfaces with local, state, and federal agencies, facilitates financial support, and encourages improvements in lake management regulations. And it provides water quality monitoring equipment free to member associations, along with Lake Steward site visits to demonstrate proper equipment use and sampling procedures.

Gene Chaague, LAPA-West's Lake Steward, provides hands-on technical assistance to participating volunteer monitoring groups. For more information visit <a href="https://www.LAPA-West.org">www.LAPA-West.org</a>.

-Elaine Panitz, Treasurer

# Art Exhibit to Highlight Farms

Local artists, under the auspices of the Sheffield Art League, are busy painting scenes of Sheffield farms in preparation for an exhibit to be held over the *Sheffield in Celebration* weekends Sept.6-8 and 13-15. The theme for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Celebration art show is "Celebrate Sheffield Farms."

The exhibit is a collaborative effort of the Art League, Sheffield Association, Bushnell-Sage Library, and Sheffield Land Trust. Art League members and non-members alike are welcome. Contact Bill Connell (229-9977) for information.

The Show will be open to the public Friday to Sunday, Sept. 6-8, and 13-15 at the Library. Show hours are currently scheduled for: Fridays, Sept. 6, noon-7 pm and Sept 13 from 3-7pm; weekend hours 10am-5pm. There will be a coffee reception on Sept. 7 from 10am-noon, and a Meet the Artists reception on Sept. 14 from 5-7pm.

---Pat Elsbach

See the next edition for more on this collaborative effort!

### SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE FAMILY NETWORK

Events take place at the Family Center, 940 S. Main St, unless otherwise specified. Call 528-0721 to register or for free newsletter.

**FAMILY CENTER CLOSED JULY 1-5** 

### **Regular Events**

Mondays & Fridays. Parent-infant group, for families with children newborn-2 years to use the play room & get to know one another. 12:30 to 2pm.

7/29, Deborah Brantner Jones, Maternal Child Health Nurse will visit.

Tuesdays & Thursdays. Play and Learn Playgroup for 3 & 4 year olds. 9:30-11:30am.

Wednesdays.. Swim and play for 2, 3 & 4 year olds. Berkshire South Community Center. Must be accompanied by an adult. Wading pool is limited to 10 children. 10-10:45am & 11-11:45am.

English as a Second Language classes with Jana Laiz. Child care available. 11am-1pm. NEW!

Thursdays. Parent-child playgroup for families with children 2 to 4. Undermountain School Playground, Sheffield. Bring a snack.10am-12 noon.

Family Center Drop in Times, families use the play room, outside play yard, clothing exchange & lending library.

Monday & Wednesday, 10am-12 noon Monday - Friday, 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. Wednesday, 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. NEW!

### **Special Events**

7/12 LaLeche League Toddler Group Meeting. Call Kim Kaufman, 528-2763. 11am-12 noon.

7/18 Book discussion- Reviving Ophelia. Child care available with one day notice. 3-4pm.

7/22 Berkshire Botanical Garden workshop for 2, 3 & 4 year olds. Jamberry. Limit of 12. 10:30am.

7/24 Single Parents Playgroup, York Lake. Family Center if rain. Light supper. 5-7pm.

7/29 Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary Hike. Bring lunch. 10:30am.

7/29 Stepfamilies group meeting. Russell House, 54 Castle St, 7pm.

7/31 Mother-Baby Exercise and Baby Message with Vicky Guy, LPTA, 1pm.

### Other News

KID'S CLUB: An occasional drop-off time for short term child care for parents who have appointments or need to shop without children. Call Programs for summer scheduling.

➤ The Y Kid's Club, S. Berkshire YMCA space at St. James Church, Gt. Barrington, Tuesdays 9:15-11:45am. Marta, 528-9622 for information.

➤The Kid's Club in Sheffield, Thursdays, Old Parish Church, 9am.- 12 noon. Sally, 229-0392 for information.

Swimming lessons: SwimAmerica, Fitzpatrick Center, Simon's Rock College, 528-777; Berkshire South Community Center, Crissy Rd., 528-2810.

Parenting Support Group for Dads now meets at Railroad Street Youth Project. 800-822-1250 for information

Weekend activities for kids:

➤ July 6, 13, 20, 27. David Grover and the Big Bear Band Concert, Barrington Band Stand, 10am.

➤ Robbins Zust Marionette Shows, Lenox Shops, 413-698-2591.

➤"Cinderella", a children's musical, MacHayden Theatre, Chatham, N.Y. 518-392-9292.

State Parks, Benedict Pond, Blue Hill Rd., Monterey, & York Lake, Sandisfield.

School playgrounds are often unused weekends. Check with your school.

PEOPLE'S PANTRY- St. Peter's Parish Center, corner of East and Cottage Streets. Thursdays, 11:30am-1pm. Serves families in South Berkshire County. Use lower entrance off Russell Street. Please don't park in the Center's driveway.



**Sebastian's relocates:** During his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in Sheffield, Sebastian Anselmi, owner of Sebastian's Unisex Hair Salon, has purchased the former Lady Bug Nursery building on Route 7 (647 North Main Street). He inaugurated his new beauty center on June 4. Sebastian, along with three beauty specialists, provides haircuts, coloring, manicures, pedicures, and massage. His expanded facility, done in natural wood with exposed beams on two floors, is also a retail outlet for Redken, O.P.I. and Sebastian's own hair products.

# organizations & BUSINESSES

SHEFFIELD FRIENDLY UNION The Friendly Union held its Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner on May 17 in its historic Dewey Hall. A wonderful dinner was followed by a brief business meeting and review of the events and activities of the past year, including a question and answer period by the officers of the board of directors. Election of new officers and board of directors finished the evening.

Officers elected were Priscilla Cote, President; Susan Austin, Vice President; Jeffrey A. Steele, Secretary; and Marcia Friedman, Treasurer. New board members elected were Caitlin Hotaling and Elizabeth Carey. They join Natalie Funk, Francine Eget, and Frances Mercurio on the board.



## Schenob Brook Preserve **Restoration Continues**

Drawing on an 11-year partnership, The Nature Conservancy and Landmark Volunteers will continue ecological restoration work in the Conservancy's Schenob Brook Preserve.

This year, 13 teens from New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Maryland will work at the Schenob Brook site under the direction of a team and site leader. This year's work will include trail building and maintenance, the removal of invasive species, farm work and site-specific tasks.

As in years past, Sheffield resident Catherine Miller will be the liaison between the volunteers and the community and Mt. Everett Regional School, also a long-time Landmark partner, offers a place for the students to eat and sleep.

There will be plenty of time for fun as well as work. Opportunities for swimming, picnicking, sight-seeing and taking in some of the local cultural attractions are always included in the two-week stay.

Director Ann Barrett says Landmark Volunteers is enormously appreciative of the support shown by both Mt. Everett Regional School and the Nature Conservancy.

Landmark provides high-school students from across the country with the opportunity to contribute to worthwhile community-service projects. This year, it is sending 770 volunteers to 62 host organizations in 18 states. Local high-school students are encouraged to apply to the Landmark Volunteers program and become part of a project that is making a difference coast to coast.

-Pauline Clarke

## Stone Store Museum & Community Center

Fundraising goal: \$230,000 Raised to-date: \$161,000 Still to be raised: \$69,000

Contributions may be sent, noting they are for the Stone Store, to the Sheffield Historical Society, P.O. Box 747, Sheffield, MA 01257, or call Catherine Miller at 229-8668 with questions.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER PROGRAMS

Historic sites and structures tour. visiting five Sheffield homes and the Society's seven historic structures. Saturday, August 17th, 11am to 4pm. \$20 per person. Tickets by mail and at the Society's headquarters. Advance purchase recommended. For more information, call 229-2694.

18th century day. See Ashley House listings page 21.

Revolutionary period tours, cosponsored by the Trustees of Reservations. Saturdays, July 20 and August 10, 1:30 pm at the Dan Raymond House. Limited to 20. Reservations suggested; call 229-2694. Members free, non-members \$5.

Tours of the Dan Raymond House, Thursday-Saturday, 11am to 4pm and by appointment. The Mark Dewey Research Center is open Monday and Friday from 1:30 to 4pm and by appointment. For information on programs, contact the Sheffield Historical Society, 159-161 Main Street, P.O. Box 747, Sheffield, MA 01257, (413) 229-2694 or email, shs@sheffieldhistory.org.

### ANTIQUES APPRAISALS

by David LeBeau

AT THE

### Sheffield Fair

Saturday, September 7th \$5/item (see next issue for details)

# BUSINESS PROFILE: The Sheffield Water Company

The Sheffield Water Company (SWC), a privately owned public utility, serves 450 accounts in the center of Sheffield, covering homes and businesses from the Sheffield-Egremont Rd in the north to Rannapo Rd in the south.

SWC was established in 1895 by Harry Andrews, William Dresser, William Little and Theodore Wickwire "to promote the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, to preserve the ground water and surface water resources ... [and] to monitor any structures or land use which may reduce the quantity or quality of its water supply resource."

Two years ago, SWC began installing its first water meters, to upgrade its system to better reflect actual water usage by SWC customers. Customers will shortly be receiving their first-ever quarterly usage bills on the new system, for the period ending July 1, 2002. Bills will be calculated using a base rate of \$57 per quarter, which includes 7,500 gallons, and a formula based on usage above that level. Before, users were charged according to a "fixture audit." Rates are regulated by the State Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy.

The company is currently owned by a group of investors headed by Dana Bartholomew, president for over 25 years. It is governed by a Board of Directors including Bartholomew, Mary N. Bartholomew, Edith French, Joe Wilkinson and Martha Williamson.

### Water supply in drought conditions

SWC customers who have been concerned about water resources with the recent drought conditions needn't worry, says Bartholomew. The SWC has more than enough supply to meet customer demand,

and the drought situation has recently improved. Bartholomew explained that until the mid-1950s, the only source of SWC water was springs lying northeast of town. As demand rose, the company dug its first deep well (260 feet) in the Pike Rd. area and improved sections of its distribution system.

In 1991, as demand further increased, a second deep well, the "Maple Avenue well" (also known as the "Hubbard Brook well") was drilled to 308 feet. Last year, the springs and two wells supplied SWC customers with 53 million gallons of water, approximately 50 percent of the total capacity.

### **Protecting water resources**

How do you know your water is safe? The SWC is regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, through the state Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Regulations require two monthly samples to show a zero bacteria count. In addition, the water must periodically be tested for lead and copper; nitrates and nitrites and other inorganic materials; and synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Any irregularities must be reported to customers.

New tests and monitoring are also being phased in, in accordance with the Federal Waters Management Act of 1987 to monitor water supply conditions and determine whether or not SWC water will need to be chlorinated in the future. Any decision to chlorinate the water would also have to take into account the way chlorine can "scrub" iron from the old iron pipes, increasing iron levels in the water.

With an eve on the current growth in the southern Berkshires, Bartholomew has launched a project

### SHEFFIELD WATER COMPANY

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Cobble Lane

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designed to protect Sheffield's water resources, including aquifers under Great Barrington, South Egremont, and Sheffield.

He commissioned a study by Tighe & Bond, a geological engineering company, to examine how drought conditions combined with sources of potential pollution, could effect SWC water quality. The study focused on 65 potential sources of pollutants -- body shops, garages, repair facilities, commercial operations, farms, industrial and housing complexes -- that could create problems under draught conditions where alternative water resources need to be accessed. The study was funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for "wellhead protection."

The study has been completed, and the next step toward implementing the wellhead protection process is to share its findings with the pertinent Boards in Sheffield, Egremont and Great Barrington. SWC will then need to work with the towns to identify what type of monitoring and/ or regulatory measures are needed to protect these critical water resources.

--- Sharron Gregory

# organizations & BUSINESSES

## SHEFFIELD KIWANIS CLUB NEWS

In June, the Sheffield Kiwanis Club held its Summerfest and annual golf tournament projects, and an All-Star Game on June 23 closed the Little League season. Two Little League tournament teams (9/10 and 11/12 year-olds) will begin play in early July and continue through the summer. Kevin Foss and Dave Farrell coach the younger team. The older squad has Ernie Beckwith, Jr., Jim Kern, and Ernie Beckwith III as its mentors. The 9/10 year-olds play in Pittsfield, while the 11/12 year-olds play in Dalton. Kiwanis also lends support to two summer Babe Ruth teams.

Kiwanians have taken over the planting and maintenance of the summer flowers on the Sheffield Town Green. Patricia Hardesty heads this Club Committee, working with

her husband, Richard, Dana Bartholomew, Jim Law, Phyllis Pickert, Theresa Collingwood, and Fred and Cathy Finkle. Generous donations were received from the Sheffield Market, Pizza Palace, Silk's Variety, Carlsen's Nursery, the Corn Crib, and Pothul's.

Kiwanis Litter Patrol Squads, led this year by Steve Shmulsky, collect the trash along a two-mile stretch of Route 7 from Kellogg Road in Sheffield north to the Mass. Electric grounds in Great Barrington. Pickups are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from April through November.

For the 21st year, club members will work at the Berkshire Choral Festival on the Berkshire School campus during July and August. They run the cocktail bar during the week

ART LEAGUE SHOWS Two summer shows at Dewey Memorial Hall in the center of Sheffield:

- The 31st annual Juried Art Show, July 4 to Aug. 4 with a reception on July 5 at 5pm.
- The 30th annual Member Show, Aug. 8 to Sept. 2. with a reception on August 9 at 5pm.

The public is invited to both receptions. Show hours are 10am to 5pm (Fridays to 7pm). Closed Tuesdays.

For more information, contact Pete Markham, 413-528-3263.

for the singers and residents. On Saturdays, they handle the parking for the concerts and provide light suppers and intermission beverages at the refreshment trailer.

The club will have several delegates attending the New England District Kiwanis Convention on the weekend of August 23 to 25.

-Richard L. Goodwin, President



# BERKSHIRE CHORAL FESTIVAL

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### Saturday, July 13 at 8:00 p.m.

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### Saturday, July 20 at 8:00 p.m.

Wagner's Prelude to Act III of Lohengrin for orchestra; Brahms' Schicksalslied; Orff's Carmina Burana Conductor: Duain Wolfe, Chicago Symphony Chorus

Free PREPs Pre-concert Talks at 6:45 p.m. in the Shed

Saturday, July 27 at 8:00 p.m.

Haydn's The Creation

Conductor: J. Reilly Lewis, Washington Bach Consort

Saturday, August 3 at 8:00 p.m.

Mozart's Coronation Mass; Verdi's Four Sacred Pieces Conductor: Vance George, San Francisco Symphony Chorus

Saturday, August 10 at 8:00 p.m.

Brahms' Ein deutsches Requiem

Conductor: Jane Glover, London Choral Society

TICKETS: \$22 - \$30 Box Office: 229.1999 or e.mail BoxOffice@choralfest.org

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## BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE & COL. ASHLEY HOUSE PROGRAMS

# Bartholomew's Cobble 229-8600

Canoe on the Housatonic. Interpretive trip with a naturalist. We provide the canoes. Wear appropriate clothing, bring binoculars. Pre-registration required. Sundays, June through August except June 30, 9am to 12 noon. Members: adult \$15, child (10-16) \$10. Nonmembers: adult \$25, child \$15.

Evening canoe with ecologist Don Reid. Saturday, August 3, 6 to 9pm. Preregistration required. Members: adult \$15, child (10-16) \$10. Nonmembers: adult \$25, Child (10-16) \$15. The \$25 fee will be applied toward a \$60 annual family membership with the Trustees of Reservations.

Ferns at the Cobble. Join a naturalist to see the Cobble's famous ferns. Sundays, June 9 through July 14 except June 30, 2 to 3:30pm. Members free. Nonmembers: adult \$6, child (10-16) \$2.

The Housatonic River and its watershed, for young naturalists (8 and up. Pre-registration required. Tuesday, July 9 and Saturday, August 10, 1:30 to 3:30pm. Members: \$6. Nonmembers: \$10. Old growth forests and trees with Robert Leverett. Saturday, July 13, 1 to 4pm. Preregistration required. Members: adult \$4, child (6-16) free. Nonmembers: adult \$8, child (6-16) \$2.

Nature walks for the family with Don Reid. Saturday, July 20, 10am to 12 noon. Members free. Nonmembers: adult \$6, children (6-16) \$2.

Map and compass scavenger hunt, for young naturalists (ages 8 and up). Sundays, July 21 and August 4 and Tuesday, August 20, 1:30 to 3:30pm.Pre-registration required. Members: \$6. Nonmembers: \$10.

The life of a bird, for wee naturalists (ages 4-7). Tuesday, July 23, 10:30am to 12 noon and Sunday, August 18, 1:30 to 3pm. Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$8.

Wild edibles with Russ Cohen. Sunday July 28: 2 to 5pm. Pre-registration required. Members: adult \$6, child (6-16) free. Nonmembers: adult \$10, child (6-16) \$2.

Insects, for wee naturalists (ages 4-7). Bring a wide-mouthed, clear plastic container with a lid. Wear long pants and socks. Saturday, July 13, Tuesday, August 6 and Thursday, August 29,

10:30am to 12 noon. Members: \$4. Nonmembers \$8.

Dragonflies and damselflies with Jose Garcia. Pre-registration required. Saturday, August 10, 9 to 11am. Members: adult \$6, child (6-16) free. Nonmembers: adult \$10, child (6-16) \$2.

Introduction to lichens. Pre-registration required. Sunday, August 25, 2 to 4pm. Members: adult \$6. Nonmembers: adult \$10.

### Col. John Ashley House 413-298-3239

18<sup>th</sup> Century Day. Crafts for kids, tours of the house. Saturday, July 6, 1 to 5pm. Adults \$2.50. Members and children free.

Wildlife to village life: Sheffield's natural and social histories in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Meet at the Dan Raymond House on Main St. to learn about the social history of Sheffield. Then visit the Ashley House for a lecture on natural history. Limit 20. Saturday, July 20 and Saturday, August 10, 1:30 to 4pm. Members free. Nonmembers: adults \$5, child \$3.

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- 8 James S. Miller to James S. & Krista M. Miller, property at 10 Richard Drive, Transfer.
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- 12 Barbara E. Delmolino to Barbara E. Delmolino, Trustee of Delmolino Family Nominee Trust, property at Lime Kiln Rd & West Rd, \$1.
- 12 Carol Kieser Martin to Thomas D. & Susan K. Neumann, property at 49 Park Lane, \$297,000.
- 23 Barbara E. Delmolino to Susan A. Lawton, Sandra M. Camp & Barbara E. Delmolino, Trustee of Delmolino Family Nominee Trust, property at

### Real-estate transfers

- Sheffield-Egremont Rd, \$1.
- 25 Sandra A. Rossi to Leslie Sylvan, property at 175 Main St, \$375,000.
- 26 Richard C. and Beth Larkin to Lucy V. Brotman, property at 64 Kellogg Rd, \$175,000.
- 29 Carmae Patchen to John P. & Anna M. Davis, property at Berkshire Lake Estates, \$3,000.
- 29 Keith and Jaime Pomeroy to Sebastiano & Ann A. Anselmini, property at 647 North Main St, \$200,000.
- May 1 David Essenfeld to Race Brook House Limited Partnership, property at 864 South Undermountain Rd, \$462,500.
  - 1 Robert K. Jr. & Rebecca M. Fredsall to Rebecca M. Fredsall, property at 1717 Home Rd, Transfer.
  - 1 Jill E. Thomen to Richard B. & Lisa M. Jamieson, property at Clayton Rd, \$27.500.
  - 3 Donald R. Jr, Susan & Catherine Clark to Sheri Sparks & Donald R. Clark, Jr., property at Berkshire Lake Estates, \$10,000.
  - 6 Michael P. & Carole M. King to Carole M. King property at 214 Silver St, Transfer.
  - Bruce & Amy Humes to Loren & Phyllis Baritz, property at 12 Glenanna Way, \$315,000.
  - 8 Sylvia Horn to Jeffrey E. Horn, property at 200 Alum Hill Rd, less than \$100.

- 9 Richard L. Jones to Stephen E. & Brenda Phillips, property at Berkshire School Rd, \$500.
- 10 SRF Realty Associates, Inc. to Eve L. & Louise Yohalem, property at Glannana Way, \$57,000.
- 10 Lee A. Clark to Dana D. Cummings, property at 747 Polioff Rd, \$138,500.
- 23 Susan Silver to Michael Borruso, property at County Rd, \$136,500.
- 23 Paul D. & Judith A. Krom to Judith A. Krom, property at 253 Polikoff Rd, Transfer.
- 23 Gary S. Cookson to Brian C. Tobin, property at 689 Rannapo Rd, \$525,000.
- June 6 George E. Jr. & Kathryn S. Ritter to Michael T. & Stacy Stevens, property at Amory Ln (off Shunpike), \$30,500.
  - George E. Ritter Jr. & Ritter Family Realty Trust to Michael T. & Stacy Stevens, property at Amory Ln (off Shunpike), \$40,000.
  - 6 Todd M. & Stacey T. Moriarty to Paul S. and Theodora Batacchi, property at 75 Bunce Rd, \$195,000.
  - 6 Colonial Restorations and Reproductions LLC to William R. Jr. & Adelaide Harris, property at Cooper Hill Rd, \$360,000.
  - 7 Sandra L. Bassett & Mark J Webber to Patrick M. & Judith Kiely, property at 77 East Rd, \$170,000.
  - 7 William F. Nolan to Mark J. Webber & Sandra L. Bassett-Webber, property at Old Joe Rd, \$50,000.



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For further information contact: The Sheffield Historical Society (413) 229-2694, The Trustees of Reservations (413) 298-3239.

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15	Viola Concert, Hevreh of S. Berkshire, 7:30pm, (p.8)	
18	Lyme Disease & Pets, Library, 7pm, (p.13)	
20	Wildlife to Village Life, Historical Society & Ashley House, 1:30-4pm, (p.21)	
20	Wagner "Lohengrin", Brahms "Schicksalslied", & Orf "Carmina Burana", BCF, 8pm, (p.16, 20)	
20	Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Stockbridge Transfer Station, (413) 445-4556 to pre-register. (p.12)	
24	Talmud Seminar, Hevreh of S. Berkshire, 528-6378 for information, (p.8)	
27	Haydn "The Creation", BCF, 8pm, (p.16, 20)	
31	Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Gt. Barringto Recycling Center, (413) 445-4556 to register, (p.12)	
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18	Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Lenox DPW, (413) 445-4556 to register, (p.12)	
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### **ONGOING CALENDAR ITEMS**

(meetings or events that occur on a less than weekly basis are noted by reference - i.e. 1st, 3rd indicates meetings the first and third times that day occurs in the month) Mondays:

Food Assistance Program, Old Parish Church, 9-10:30am (p.8) Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 7pm, 1st, 3rd, 4th

Board of Health, Town Hall, 7pm, 2nd

Tuesdays:

Kid's Club, Old Parish Church, 9am-12pm Council on Aging, Dewey Hall, 9am, 3rd Building Inspector, Town Hall, 6pm - 8:30pm

Ashley Falls Historic District Commission, Town Hall, 6:30pm,

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7pm, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Industrial Development Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm, last Wednesdays:

Bereavement Group, Old Parish Church, 10am-11am (p.8), 1st

Thursdays:

Building Inspector, Town Hall, 7am - 1pm

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7pm, 2nd, 4th Samba Drumming, 40 Rossiter Street, Gt. Barrington

Noon Movies, Dewey Hall/Senior Center, 12pm Saturdays:

Contra Dancing, Sheffield Grange, Rte 7, 8:30pm, 4th

### **BARRINGTON STAGE SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Performances take place at the Consolati Performing Arts Center at Mt. Everett High School on Berkshire School Rd. Box office: 413-528-8888.

#### MAIN STAGE

Tuesday at 7pm; Wednesday-Saturday at 8pm; Friday matinees at 2 & Sunday matinees at 5. Wednesday matinees at 2 will be held 7/10, 31, and 21. Tickets: \$28 to \$40.

South Pacific, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. 6/19-7/13. Black Sheep. New England premiere of this dark comedy. 7/17-8/13. Falsettos, a Tony Award-winning musical comedy. 8/7-24.

Wednesday - Sunday 7:30pm, plus Tuesday August 6. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students except Saturday, when all tickets are \$25.

Castro's Beard, an irreverent comedy. 7/3 -14.

Blanche and Her Joy Boys, sassy musical. 7/31-8/11.

### SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Gregory Hines in TAP, a benefit for Barrington Stage Company's educational programs. Tickets: \$75 & \$100.

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